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SUBJECT: UDEAC INSTITUTES COMMON EXTERNAL TARIFF

REF: A. BANGUI 1802, 75 B. DOUALA 0040 C. LIBREVILLE 0140

1. DIRECTOR OF UDEAC (CENTRAL AFRICAN CUSTOMS AND ECONOMIC UNION) DEPARTMENT OF CUSTOMS CONFIRMS THAT A COMMON EXTERNAL TARIFF HAS BEEN IN EFFECT FOR THE FOUR UDEAC MEMBERS (C.A.R., GABON, CAMEROON, AND CONGO) SINCE JANUARY 1, 1976. NEW TARIFF REGIME WAS ESTABLISHED BY UDEAC CHIEFS OF STATE DURING NOVEMBER 27 SUMMIT MEETING.

2. NEW LEGISLATION REINSTITUTES THE DROIT DE DOUANE FOR ALL IMPORTS IRREGARDLESS OF ORIGIN. PREVIOUS IMPORTS FROM EEC WERE EXEMPT FROM THIS TAX. AS BALANCING DEVICES THE DROIT D'ENTREE HAS BEEN REDUCED FOR SOME ITEMS, SALES TAX ELIMINATED

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FOR OTHERS, AND SEVERAL ITEMS HAVE BEEN RECATEGORIZED OR GIVEN

SPECIAL DUTY FREE STATUS. THE OVERALL REVENUE OBTAINED FROM CUSTOMS TAXES SHOULD THEN REMAIN FAIRLY CONSTANT. NEW REGULATIONS WERE ALSO ESTABLISHED AND SIMPLIFIED FOR IMPORTS BY PARCEL POST.

3. COPIES OF ALL THE RELEVANT TEXTS ARE BEING POUCHED UNDER COVER OF AN AIRGRAM TO DEPARTMENT AND UDEAC CAPITALS.

4. ACCORDING TO UDEAC EXPERTS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE COMMON EXTERNAL TARIFF SHOULD SPEED UP ANDSIMPLIFY CUSTOMS FORMALITIES AS IT IS NO LONGER NECESSARY TO DETERMINE THE ORIGIN OF ENTERING GOODS.SWING

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